

REMARKS

The application is respectfully amended under the rules of 37 CFR 1.312.

As an initial matter, the undersigned appreciates with thanks the Examiner's taking time to discuss the matter of the instant amendment by telephone at least on January 19 and 20, 2010.

Amendments to the Disclosure

The instant amendment is needed to introduce dependent claims to allowed 13 and 14 of the application. These formerly withdrawn claims were rejoined by Examiner's amendment as a result of a telephone interview on or about December 15, 2009.

Based on the Examiner's instructions provided by telephone, the claims are presented herein with the claim numbers used prior to the close of prosecution, not the claim numbers assigned with the Notice of Allowance of December 24, 2009. It is also noted that claims 13 and 14 are indicated as "previously presented" as a result of a rejoinder performed by the Examiner by Examiner's Amendment.

Claims 37-47 are new and each depend from one of claims 20 or 21. Entry of new claims 37-47 is respectfully requested.

Each of the new claims find support in the specification and the drawing figures as originally filed.

In particular, claims 37-40 and claims 43-46 find support in the specification at least at page 4, lines 3-31, and also in allowed parent claim 13.

Claims 41 and 47 find support at least at page 5, lines 2-10.

Claim 42 finds support at least at page 4, lines 15-16.

The new claims are novel and non-obvious in view of Sections 102 and 103 at least because each claim depends from a patentable parent claim and thereby includes all the subject matter of the patentable parent claim.

Further, at least because the new claims find support in the specification as indicated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in compliance with Sections 101 and 112.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the new claims are patentable and do not required additional search or examination.

The claims were not presented prior to the close of prosecution due to an oversight on the part of the undersigned attorney, and not on the part of the Applicants.

Based upon the statements set forth above, the instant amendment is believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.312 and

MPEP § 714.16. Accordingly, entry of new claims 37 to 47 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge the fee of \$572.00 for the extra dependent claims added herewith, to our credit card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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